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1. HERewith FULL TEXT NEW YORK TIMES EDITORIAL WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28, HEADED "MR. KISSINGER IN AFRICA ... A FORWARD POLICY."

2. IN THE MAJOR POLICY ADDRESS OF HIS FIRST SOUTHERN AFRICAN TOUR, SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER HAS GONE FAR TO RESTORE THE TRADITIONAL AMERICAN COMMITMENT TO SELF-DETERMINATION, MAJORITY RULE, RACIAL EQUALITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS. SPEAKING IN ZAMBIA, MR. KISSINGER SAID WITH FORCE AND CLARITY A GREAT MANY THINGS PRESIDENT KAUNDA AND OTHER AFRICAN LEADERS HAVE LONG BEEN WAITING TO HEAR CONVINCINGLY FROM THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

3. ON THE MOST EXPLOSIVE PROBLEMS OF A RAPIDLY CHANGING SUBCONTINENT, THE SECRETARY WAS EMPHATIC: THE UNITED STATES IS "WHOLLY COMMITTED TO HELP BRING ABOUT A RAPID, JUST AND UNCLASSIFIED

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AFRICAN SOLUTION" IN RHODESIA; IT WILL URGE SOUTH AFRICA TO

FIX A TIMETABLE FOR SELF-DETERMINATION IN NAMIBIA, UNDER

UNITED NATIONS SUPERVISION AND WITH PARTICIPATION BY AFRICAN GROUPS NOW BANNED THERE; AND WILL INSIST ON THE END OF APARTHEID -- "THE INSTITUTIONALIZED SEPARATION OF THE RACES" -- IN SOUTH AFRICA.

4. FOR THE FIRST TIME, MR. KISSINGER AVOWED SUPPORT "IN THE STRONGEST TERMS" FOR BRITAIN'S RECENT PROPOSALS FOR NEGOTIATIONS LEADING TO AFRICAN MAJORITY RULE IN RHODESIA WITHIN TWO YEARS. HE SEEMED ESPECIALLY DETERMINED TO QUASH ANY HOPES OF RHODESIA'S WHITE REGIME FOR AMERICAN SUPPORT "AT ANY STATE IN ITS CONFLICT WITH AFRICAN STATES OR AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS." ON THE CONTRARY, HE SAID, "IT WILL FACE OUR UNRELENTING OPPOSITION UNTIL A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT IS ACHIEVED."

5. AS PART OF THAT OPPOSITION, HE PROMISED THAT THE ADMINISTRATION WOULD AGAIN THIS YEAR URGE CONGRESS TO REPEAL THE BYRD AMENDMENT, WHICH AUTHORIZED IMPORTATION OF RHODESIAN CHROME IN VIOLATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS SANCTIONS AGAINST THE SALISBURY REGIME FOR WHICH THE UNITED STATES VOTED. HE ALSO DISCLOSED A \$12.5 MILLION AID PROGRAM FOR MOZAMBIQUE AND PROMISED HELP FOR OTHER COUNTRIES BORDERING RHODESIA WHOSE ECONOMIES WOULD SUFFER IF THEY ENFORCED THE U.N. SANCTIONS AND CLOSED THEIR FRONTIERS.

6. THESE ARE MAJOR STRIDES FORWARD FOR AN AMERICAN POLICY ON SOUTHERN AFRICA THAT HAS SEEMED FOR THE LAST SEVEN YEARS TO FAVOR IN MANY WAYS THE BOLSTERING OF WHITE SUPREMACY, FOR ALL THE OFFICIAL STATEMENTS TO THE CONTRARY. AND ON THIS OCCASION, MR. KISSINGER DID NOT TRY, AS HE HAD DURING ANGOLA'S CIVIL WAR, TO FRIGHTEN THE AFRICANS WITH THE SPECTER OF SOVIET HEGEMONY. HE CONFINED HIMSELF TO A BRIEF WARNING AGAINST ANY OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE IN AFRICA OR THE PURSUIT OF "BLOC POLICIES."

7. IT IS ALREADY EVIDENT, FROM MR. KISSINGER'S RECEPTIONS IN KENYA, TANZANIA AND ZAMBIA, THAT AFRICAN LEADERS ARE STILL PREPARED TO COOPERATE WITH THE UNITED STATES IF IT

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SUPPORTS THEIR PRIME OBJECTIVE OF MAJORITY RULE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. THEY WILL UNDERSANDABLY BE LOOKING FOR A PROMPT FOLLOW-THROUGH ON HIS LUSAKA COMMITMENTS, ESPECIALLY FOR ACTION ON SUCH MATTERS AS REPEAL OF THE BYRD AMENDMENT, AND FOR THE DETAILING OF PROPOSALS FOR AID AND CONDITIONS OF TRADE PROMISED FOR THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT, IN MAY.

8. BUT MR. KISSINGER HAS MADE AN IMPRESSIVE IF BELATED
ATTEMPT TO ATONE FOR PAST AMERICAN BLUNDERS IN AFRICA --
SOME OF HIS MAKING -- AND TO ESTABLISH A CLIMATE FOR
MUTUALLY ADVANTAGEOUS RELATIONS WITH A PART OF THE WORLD
THAT THE UNITED STATES CAN NO LONGER IGNORE IN SAFETY.
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